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PATENT

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In re Application of

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Art Unit:

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For: SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR SUSPENSION
SMELTING FURNACE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The original claims that form the basis of this U.S. national stage application for the purpose of examination and amendment are the amended claims of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability.

Please make the following amendments to this application prior to examination thereof.

DESCRIPTION AMENDMENTS

After the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This is a national stage application filed under 35 USC 371 based on International Application No. PCT/FI2005/000010 filed January 10, 2005, and claims priority under 35 USC 119 of Finnish Patent Application No. 20040046 filed January 15, 2004.

Rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, to read as follows:

This invention relates to a supply system for supplying a suspension smelting ~~furnace~~ furnace with a feed of fine-grained material. Particularly, the invention relates to a method and an installation of feeding metal concentrate containing fine-grained material in a burner of a suspension smelting furnace.